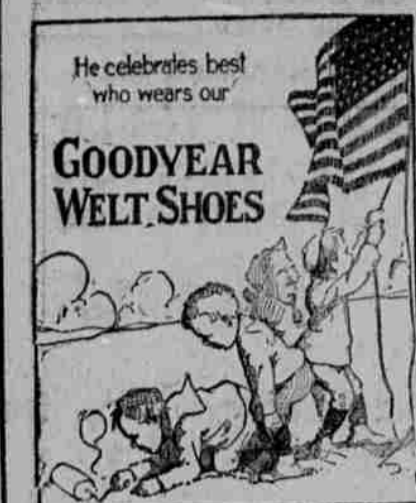


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Vermont is getting some of the business created by the war in Europe. The Holden, Leonard company woolen mill in this village has received several orders for cloth to be used in the manufacture of uniforms and overcoats. The American Woolen company's mill at Winooski is at present running night and day to keep up with an order from Russia for cloth to be used in the making of overcoats. The Windsor Machine company is employing 1100 men on a day and night shift and Springfield has been unusually active because of war orders received in that village. If cloth for overcoats for the Russian army is being manufactured in this country at the present time, it is evident that the Czar, at least, does not look for an early termination of the great struggle.

With the settlement of the strike among the granite workers in Barre business is again on the boom in the Granite City. Barre is a community of one industry, a feature that often has its decided disadvantages. In the case of the Vermont granite center, however, whatever setbacks the city has experienced through the suspensions caused by labor troubles there have apparently caused but little permanent depression. In 1902 Barre went through a six months strike and while there was an almost complete suspension of business the recovery was fairly marvelous. There have been smaller experiences in more recent years but of shorter duration, but in spite of these temporary periods in which the pay envelope disappears the city continues to thrive and wax fast in population.

The Essex County Herald of Island Pond, the only paper published in Essex county, has been absorbed by the Newport Express and Standard Co. The Herald was established in 1872 by the late W. H. Bishop and under his direction for many years was an excellent paper.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Fewer newspapers and better ones is a rule that has been prevailing in Vermont for some years and one that is likely to continue in force in the future. As the circulation of the dailies increases there is bound to be a loss of patronage and business for the weeklies and it is not at all remarkable that the latter are occasionally dropping out of the ranks. The case of the Island Pond Herald was one in which the individuality of the founder and long-time editor prevailed against the encroachments of the new idea but with his death the paper lost its grip upon the community.

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Quick Wit Won.

George Grossmith was once singing the lord chancellor's song in "Iolanthe," which has for its refrain, "Said I to myself, said I," when something caught fire at the back of the stage. Grossmith himself wasn't aware of the occurrence, but he suddenly saw the audience jump from their seats and turn their backs on him.

At the same moment the stage manager shouted from the wings to Grossmith: "Don't stop singing! Go on, go on!"

Grossmith immediately grasped the situation and sang forthwith some words that came to him on the spur of the moment:

I assure my friends who are ready to choke
That the fire they fear is nothing but smoke;
It is only a sort of Gilbertian joke.
Says I to myself, says I.

This song, which at any other time would have been extremely reprehensible in a Gilbertian opera, calmed the panic, and the audience resumed their seats.—Every Week.

The Favored.

Life gave him hours of labor long
With guerdons frail and few,
And Fate no gift of precious song
For cheer the gray years through.
But God, who knew how soon the charm
Of such gifts may depart,
Gave him the greatest gift of all—
A happy heart.

He found much bitter in the cup
That he was forced to drain,
When morning's sun rose brightly up
It often set with rain.
When fortune seemed to wander near
She came but to depart,
For he had what she could not give—
A happy heart.

—Arthur Wallace Peach.

A Lovely Sunday.

My man," said the traveler in his best manner, "is this a railroad station or a perpetually endowed waiting room?"
"It's a railroad station, sir," answered the polite station agent.
"Well, then, do the trains run on tracks or speculation?" he demanded.
"On tracks, sir," replied the polite station agent.

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station agent.
"Well, then, how is it that I've been waiting here ever since 2 o'clock for that 2:15 train, and it's now 5:15 and no train yet? Take a look at this time table and at this watch, please, and tell me why."
The polite station agent looked as requested and then said softly, "Because that's an impossible time table, sir."
It was a lovely Sunday.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Salutary Lesson.
"Now, remember your salutes," said the English corporal when posting the Irish recruit on sentry. "If you see a lieutenant—he wears one star on his shoulder—slope arms; if a captain—two stars—slope arms; if you see a major—a crown—present arms; if the colonel—stars and crown—present and turn out the guard."

Pat pondered his orders carefully, but presently he was awakened from his reverie by the approach of the general.

That worthy son of Mars surveyed the cross swords on the gallant officer's shoulders and as he was not included in the corporal's category simply nodded cheerfully.

"Well, my man," said the genial general, "and who are you supposed to be?"

"I'm supposed to be a bit of a sentry," said Patrick. "And who are you?"

"Oh, I'm supposed to be a bit of a general," said the latter.
"A general, is it?" cried the startled Pat. "Then you'll want something big. The corporal told me about the others, but nothing about yourself at all, at all. But hold hard a minute, and I'll give you the bayonet exercise, if that'll do."

Squared Himself.
Fighting Lord Charlie Beresford and Sir Redvers Buller both deservedly earned a high reputation for bulldog tenacity of purpose.

During a Nile campaign Lord Charles and Sir Redvers, descending some "bad water" in a river steamer, got into a discussion as to the proper channel to be taken. Each obstinately defended his own course, but in the end Buller got his own way, with the result that the steamer ran through safely.

"You see, I was right!" cried the general. "Mine was the proper channel."
"That was mine, too," coolly replied Lord Charles. "I only recommended the other because I knew you would go against whatever I said!"

Demonstrated.

The very young minister, on trial for his first charge, was well satisfied with his sample sermon. Fully expecting a compliment, he asked one of the elders for a criticism. The old gentleman replied that "they was gay fine words, but a bit heavy for common folk."

The young man disagreed violently, whereupon the elder proceeded to justify his opinion.

"Ye told us at the last to 'draw an inference,' ye ken. See at this noo, Av, Sandy!" beckoning to an old fellow member over the way. "Sandy, fit ye think ye could draw an inference the day?"
Sandy gnawed his finger a full minute in silence. Then:
"Aweel," he submitted cautiously, "I amna see strong as I wis syne, but if it wisna the Sabbath I hae a pair o' steers out yon that can fair draw the weight o' the minister's horses!"

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